

Date: July 7, 2006**REMARKS**

By this amendment, independent claims 8 and 11 have been modified to better define the invention.

Claims 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Caulkins ('282). Claims 8 and 11 now include the limitation of a molded plastic having a rigid or semi-rigid article without sharp edges. Caulkins is a flexible film, which sharp edges at least at point 26. Claims 8 and 11 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over D178,886 to Kaye. Claims 8 and 11 further include the limitation of front and back panels spaced apart by six inches or more. Not only does Kaye provide no dimensions, but six inches or more would not apply to a toaster cover. Additionally, Kaye has sharp edges where the front and back panels transition through the side panels.

Replacement drawings sheets for Figure 1, 2 and 3 are attached hereto.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant believes the independent claims are in condition for allowance, and since the dependent claims add limitations thereto, the dependent claims are allowable as well. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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